GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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Supply of Atomic Reactors
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government has signed an accord with GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy for supplying atomic reactors including one for installation at Kovvada in Andhra Pradesh;

(b)if so, the details thereof;

(c)whether any GE Hitachi manufactured atomic power plant is already functioning in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d)whether the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environment Management Plan has been completed for the said nuclear power plant at Kovvada; and

(e)if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the delay along with the present status of the project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (Dr. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a)&(b) No, Sir. Only discussions have been held between Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy (GEH) on technical aspects of setting up nuclear power reactors of GEH technology in the country. As far as Kovvada site in Andhra Pradesh is concerned, reactors in technical cooperation with Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC), USA are planned to be set up at the site.

(c)No, Sir.

(d)No, Sir.

(e)Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies as per earlier approved Terms of Reference (ToR) were completed. However, as the validity of the ToR had ended, as per the requirements of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC), documents for revalidation of earlier approved ToR for carrying out fresh Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Studies are being submitted.

At present, the land acquisition (including Social Impact Assessment studies), site investigations, process of obtaining statutory clearances and discussions with WEC to arrive at a project proposal are underway.

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